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Charity's joy after receiving 'biggest ever' single lottery grant

• Members of Sebastian's Action Trust celebrating the £235,000 Big Lottery windfall (Picture courtesy of Sebastian's Action Trust)

A BASINGSTOKE charity who provide much-needed support to seriously ill children and their families have been awarded their biggest ever single funding grant.

Sebastian's Action Trust are 'absolutely delighted' at receiving the £235,000 of Big Lottery funding.

The charity said the money will be put towards helping families in their own homes.

By **James Booker**
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Caroline Holton, fundraising manager at Sebastian's Action Trust, said: "We are absolutely delighted with the funding...the project focuses on the needs of the parents but that means that we look at the family as a whole."

"Parents may need help with finances or they may just need to talk.

"There are so many things that could happen, such as going through mental health or relationship problems, or a parent might lose their job.

"It's like Jenga - you take one piece away and it all crumbles down, and that's what happens when a child has a life limiting illness.

"We need to be there to build them back up again. This project is really like rebuilding Jenga bit by bit."

"If you have a really ill child, you don't want to spend hours on the phone filling in bits of paperwork, you want someone to do it for you."

One of the trust's children, five-year-old Molly Murray, suffers from quadriplegic cerebral palsy.

She needs special equipment to take a bath and even to sit still, as she cannot support any weight or walk,

Molly also suffers from around 70 seizures every day, and doctors think she will be wheelchair-bound for the rest of her life.

Molly's mother Sue, from Chineham, said: "As with any child, we want to give Molly the best. As Molly needs constant care and attention, it is so time consuming and difficult to find about and apply for the various help that is out there, we often felt alone and isolated as if we were the only family in this situation.

"Everything we need is so expensive and NHS funding only goes to the bare minimum of needs. It can be a real battle trying to get the things that Molly needs, what people do not appreciate is that when you are caring for a very sick child your attention needs to be on the child and not on big bureaucratic forms.

"I am thrilled the Trust has been awarded this funding as now they will be able to help many more families and provide much more detailed information to parents in situations such as ours."

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Widower Roy is doing his bit...

ROY Hazzard understood how important it was for him to stay active in later life whilst enjoying his retirement, so he set about helping others do the same by volunteering at his local Shopmobility.

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Shortly after Roy's wife passed away in 1997, Shopmobilty opened its doors to the residents of Basingstoke and Roy decided to carry on his wife's legacy, after she played a fundamental part in setting up the service by helping out at the branch.

Roy, 83, said: "The service is a project that is very close to my heart as in the early 90s my wife saw a need to support those less mobile and Shopmobility wasn't available in the area.

"So she approached the council to get something done about it. Sadly the branch opened a month after she passed away, but it was very important for me to carry on her hard work by volunteering.

"Not only did it help me through a very difficult time but volunteering is a great way to meet people and stay sociable, and it's such a great place to work.

"It helps me stay active and as long as I'm still useful I'll carry on doing it."

Roy lives at McCarthy & Stone's Lady Susan Court in Basingstoke and the developer has recently announced the Royal Voluntary Service as their official 'Charity of the Year'.

The charity's volunteers have an average age of 64.

Roy added: "I moved in to Lady Susan Court earlier this year and I'm very happy I did, it was the right thing for me to do and I've been able to carry on living my life the way I always have done.

"I've coped by myself for a long time but it's great to know I have the extra support there whenever I need it."

• Volunteer Roy Hazzard

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Have you seen these two men?

*** These men are suspected of trying to sell items taken during burglaries in Basingstoke**

POLICE in Basingstoke have appealed to the public if the know the two men pictured in this CCTV image.

Detectives investigating a number of burglaries in the area would like to speak to them.

Detective Constable Andy Panter said: "It is believed these men may have been trying to sell items taken during burglaries in the town.

"Do you know who they are?"

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Det Con Panter at Basingstoke CID on 101 or call the charity Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.

Young carers get weekend of fun and games

YOUNG carers in Basingstoke and across the county were treated to a special weekend of fun and activities by the county council.

Twenty-nine carers aged 11 to 17 took part in the weekend, held in Calshot, and experienced activities like climbing skiing and archery.

Young carers is this year's 'Chairman's theme', chosen by HCC chairman, Councillor Ken Thornber.

Councillor Thornber said: "Many young carers are silently juggling school or college with the commitments of looking after an elderly or disabled member of their family, and for some it can be a full time job that is both physically and mentally demanding.

"To be able to offer these remarkable young people a short break from their caring responsibilities, a chance to relax and enjoy themselves and form friendships with other young people their own age, has been very worthwhile."

Census figures from 2011 show there are over 7,600 young carers in Hampshire.

• Councillor Ken Thornber with some of the young carers

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Cycling duo saddle up for ride to Hong Kong

A PAIR of intrepid fundraisers are taking on the challenge of cycling thousands of miles to Hong Kong in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Schoolfriends James Frome and Alex Middleton will encounter tough conditions, cycling off road and battling snow, rain and ice over a period of six months in their attempt to raise £10,000 for the charity.

The money raised from James and Alex's bike ride will be added to the Sarah Greene Breakthrough Tribute Fund, which currently stands at almost £1million.

James, from Odiham, and Alex, from Salisbury, left on November 3 for Eruzum in Turkey where the bike ride will begin.

Both aged 22, the recent graduates chose Breakthrough because of their friendship with Harry Greene, whose mother Sarah lost her fight against breast cancer in 2006 at the age of 44.

James said: "We both knew Sarah personally, as did our parents, and we were with Harry at Marlborough for the years when his mother bravely fought the illness.

"So it's a real honour to be able to raise money in her memory for this fantastic cause.

By **James Booker**
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"Breakthrough is close to our hearts; I have raised money for it on two occasions – in the Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race in 2008 and in the Belgium Bicycle Ride in 2012.

"We hope this year our fundraising will be bigger and better than ever before."

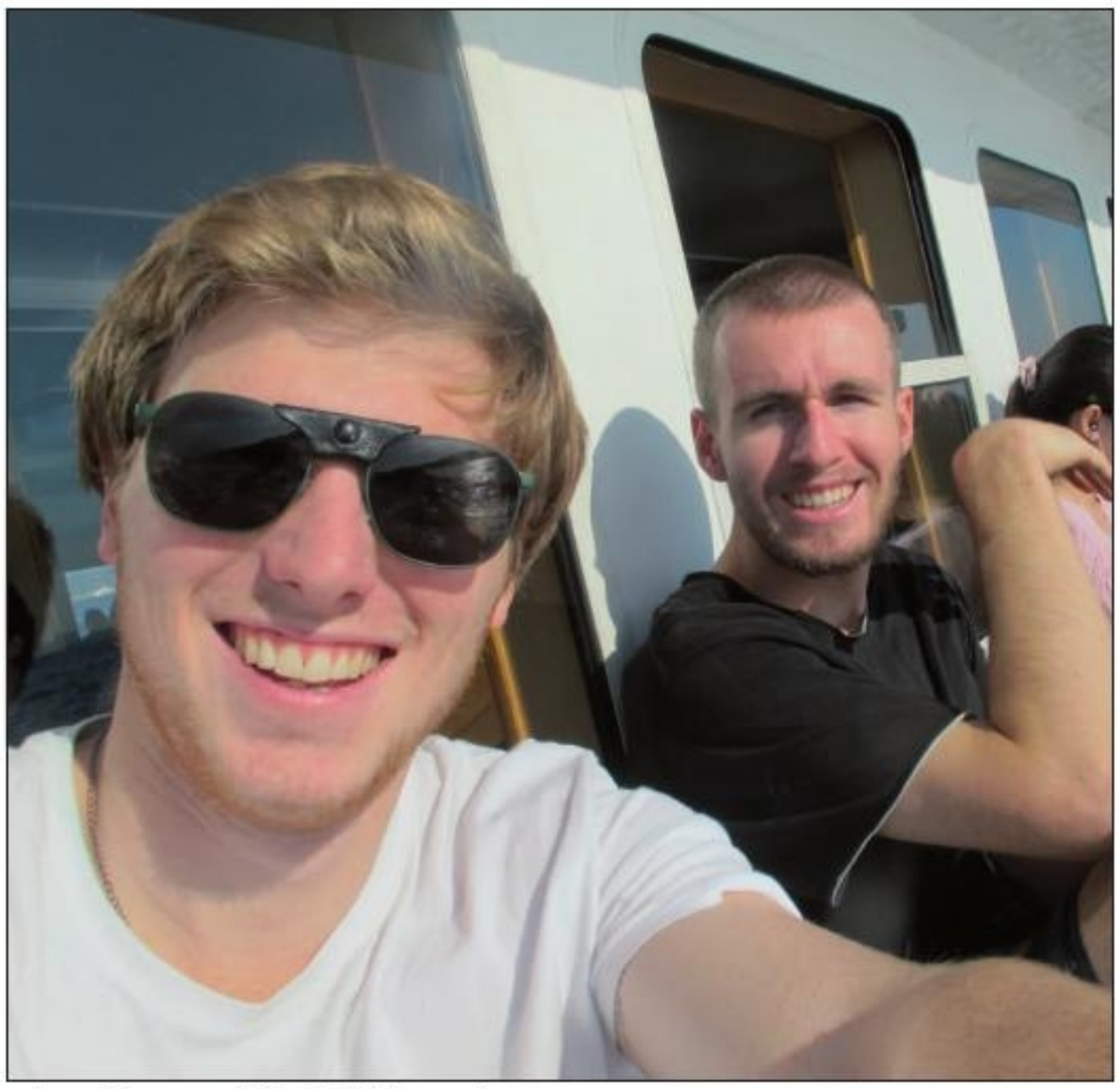
The boys, who were both born in Hong Kong and attended Marlborough College, will be taking on the Himalayas as they cycle through Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and China, and will be blogging their journey at wheelsbelowzero.blogspot.co.uk.

Clare Baker, from Breakthrough Breast Cancer, said: "The boys are undertaking an incredible challenge through their bike ride, and we are so proud to have supporters like them.

"The funds they raise are so important for our life-saving research.

"Breast cancer kills 1,000 women every month and affects 50,000 women every year.

"Breakthrough Breast Cancer is committed to ensuring that fewer women, like Sarah, will die from the disease, and this is only possible from the money raised by brave supporters like James and Alex."



• James Frome and Alex Middleton, pictured here in Turkey, are biking to Hong Kong for charity

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Take extra care

DRIVERS are being urged to take extra care by planning journeys and preparing themselves as the weather gets colder.

Research from the Highways Agency shows nearly half of all drivers in Southern England do not check vehicles or carry de-icer in severe weather.

Roads minister Robert Goodwill said: "The Highways Agency does all it can to keep the roads open during severe weather.

"But drivers need to play their part too."

New store opens

THE Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane, Cllr Dan Putty, will open a new Dunelm store in Gaston's Wood, Chineham, this morning.

The new 32,800 square foot store, the 138th Dunelm premises in the UK, will create nearly 100 new jobs for people of Basingstoke.

Council plea

A LOCAL business leader has urged Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC) to adopt the proposed 30-minute free of charge parking scheme.

Tim Colman, from the north Hampshire branch of the Federation of Small Business, said: "We are delighted that Basingstoke and Deane are one of the first councils in the country to listen to their small businesses and to consider the option of providing thirty minutes free parking.

"We really hope that the councillors will vote in favour of this proposal."

Council asks for residents' budget opinions

HAMPSHIRE County Council is continuing to ask for residents' views to help inform the final budget decisions for next year.

Faced with the challenge of finding a further £90million savings by 2015 (12 per cent of the council's budget), the council is asking residents to rank services according to which they value the most.

Hampshire has already lost 43 per cent of its government grant over four years and faces further cuts.

Savings of £130million in Hampshire's budget have already been made.

Councillor Perry said: "With less money, fewer staff and increased demand on our services, we can't afford to deliver them in the same way.

"The county council is a complex and big business, covering over 300 different services many of which are absolutely vital.

"There are some things we have a statutory duty to provide and there are other services which are discretionary.

"We are genuinely interested in residents' views - to help us understand what they value most before we make tough decisions on where the money goes.

"I hope that residents of all ages will take the opportunity to participate and in doing so, help their elected councillors make the right budget decisions."

The budget is online until November 29. Visit www.hants.gov.uk

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Digging deep for a strictly great cause

• Sgt Simon Dodd with SCD dancers Janette Manrara and Natalie Lowe

SERVICEMEN and Women from RAF Odiham urged charitable Londoners to dig deep and help raise more than £1million for the Royal British Legion last Thursday.

By **James Booker**
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Over 300 volunteers from RAF stations across the UK, including 100 from Odiham, took to the capital's streets as part of London Poppy Day 2013.

RAF, Army and Royal Navy personnel and ex-service volunteers collect at London locations each year as part of the nationwide Poppy Appeal.

This year, volunteers were asking Londoners to help raise more than £1m to support The Legion's welfare work for the Armed Forces community, with a national target of £37m.

RAF Odiham collectors were out bright and early to greet commuters and members of the public at stations including Covent Garden, Kings Cross, Canary Wharf, Elephant and Castle, Clapham Junction and Vauxhall.

Crowds in Covent Garden were treated to appearances from stars of BBC's Strictly Come Dancing, precision drill displays by the Queen's Colour Squadron and music from the RAF Central Band on a stage on the West Piazza.

Among those collecting was Chinook pilot Flight Lieutenant Anthony Kirby, from Liverpool but based at RAF Odiham.

Flt Lt Kirby, 29, of No 27 Squadron, said: "Usually I fly Chinooks, helping transport personnel and equipment on missions in the UK and abroad, including in Afghanistan."

"Being part of London Poppy Day means a lot to me and we've had a fantastic response from members of the public.

"People have been really generous - even those rushing through on their way to work have stopped to donate and speak to us."

"I'm very proud to be taking part today.

"I hope we're continuing the proud tradition and achievements of those who have gone before us.

"They, and colleagues injured in the line of duty, are constantly on our minds and it has been an honour to remember them today, particularly as this year marks the 70th Anniversary of the famous Dambusters."

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* Flt Lt Anthony Kirby, 29, of RAF Odiham from 27 Sqn

• (below) RAF Odiham servicemen Flt Lt Chris Dodd, Sgt Simon Dodd and Sgt Steve Lowther with Strictly Come Dancing stars Fiona Fullerton and Anton Du Beke

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Basingstoke's festival of light

· Children acting out scenes from the Hindu holy book MahaBhaarat

MANY people's attentions will be turning to the upcoming Christmas countdown.

However, there are people of Hindu, Sikh and Jain faith who have just finished celebrating Diwali.

One such group is the Telugu Association of Basingstoke, who rang in the festival of lights at the town's Carnival Hall on Saturday.

By **James Booker**
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Around 150 people attended the celebrations, and Basingstoke's Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Dan Putty and his wife Julie also made a special appearance as chief guest.

Cllr Putty also unveiled the association's yearly TAB-UK magazine.

The event was started by the traditional lighting of diyas - special candles marking the commencement of the celebrations.

During the evening, the children who attended entertained the audience by showcasing their talent in Indian classical dance and singing.

And they went on to act out scenes from the Hindu holy book MahaBhaarat, before the guests enjoyed a traditional feast of Indian cuisine.

· **Basingstoke Mayor Dan Putty with Diwali revellers**

Securing road safety message

A BASINGSTOKE primary school has teamed up with retirement home developer to hammer home the message of road safety.

McCarthy & Stone has joined forces with St John's C of E Aided Primary School in Basingstoke to help keep pupils safe on their way to and from school during the autumn and winter months.

The developer has donated 250 reflective wristbands to help raise awareness of road safety amongst local schools, to help pupils become more visible to passing motorists.

School headteacher Hayley Clayton said: "We actively encourage our pupils to walk to and from school; it's a great way to keep healthy and active and reduces road congestion.

"However, many are now finding themselves doing their journey in the dark, and we're keen to make sure they stay as visible and safe as possible.

"We'd like to say a big thank you to McCarthy & Stone for the reflective armbands – they'll definitely help our pupils to stand out."

Jacqui Meenan, sales and marketing manager for McCarthy & Stone, added: "It's a real pleasure to be able to make these donations and hopefully help in some way towards keeping pupils safe on their journeys to and from school."

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Teen in custody

A 19-YEAR-OLD man is in custody after being arrested on suspicion of attempted murder.

Another man, also 19, suffered serious injuries after being stabbed in Pinkerton Road, near Aldworth Science College, in the early hours of October 27.

Detectives have already arrested and bailed three other men on suspicion of attempted murder.

A 23-year-old man and a 27-year-old man, from Basingstoke, and a 28-year-old man, from London, have been bailed until December, pending further enquiries.

Snap happy!

A BASINGSTOKE amateur photographer is in the running for a national award.

Phil Harvie-Jones' image of Fawley Refinery in Southampton is one of 77 shortlisted for prizes in this year's EEF Photography Awards.

There are four categories – amateur, amateur mobile, young and professional.

All photos will be exhibited at the ceremony in the Houses of Parliament on December 9.

The winners will share £5,000 of photography equipment donated by sponsors Canon.

Barrie Street, manufacturing business development manager, Canon UK & Europe, said: "The entrants have really succeeded in bringing Britain's manufacturing industry to life using the power of image.

"We wish Phil and all of the shortlisted entries the very best of luck."

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Shoebox drive

PEOPLE looking to donate to a Christmas shoebox drive in Basingstoke have until Monday to make their contribution.

The Operation Christmas Child appeal, run by the Samaritan's Purse charity, packages the toys, clothes and gifts and sends them to needy children all over the world

The local drop off point is at Regus in Chineham Business Park, where donations will be taken until 5pm on Monday.

New care home

A NEW care home is set to be opened in Tadley in April.

The Red Roofs property is being built by provider Choice Care Group, and will care for six people with learning disabilities, autism and complex behavioural needs.

Two self-contained annexes will also be built on the site.

For more information, email enquiries@choicecaregroup.com.

Big collection

TESCO stores in Basingstoke and Hook raised nearly £1,300 last month as part of Diabetes UK's Big Collection weekend.

Between October 4 and 6, the shops collected a respective £340 and £957.55 for the charity.

Jill Steaton, the charity's south east regional manager, said: "We were overwhelmed with the number of people, who volunteered to help us collect donations for Diabetes UK, and the money is still coming in."

Anti-hate crime campaign starts

• Members of Sovereign and Chrysalis at last week's reduction of hate crime campaign launch

ELIMINATING hate crime is the focus of a new campaign launched by a housing association.

Sovereign were in Basingstoke last week to mark the start of their Safe Confident Communities strategy.

The strategy is aiming to help reduce hate crime, anti-social behaviour and domestic abuse within communities.

Hate Crime is any crime targeted at a person because of hostility or prejudice based on disability, race or ethnicity, religion or belief, sexual orientation or transgender identity.

By **James Booker**
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"Sovereign already has a strong strategic commitment to preventing and reducing hate crime, along with anti-social behaviour and domestic abuse," said Aaron Devereaux, Sovereign's head of anti-social behaviour.

"Our new strategy aims to address harm in the community, which includes hate crime, and make communities safer places for people to live."

"Hate crime is hugely under-reported, and we are committed to training staff to take a more involved role in local incidents to identify hate crimes and offer better support and guidance to victims.

"We'd also like to take an active role in reducing the numbers of hate-motivated incidents that occur in local communities."

Sovereign's week of activities began with a visit to its Basingstoke office from Chrysalis, a group that offers support and counselling to transitioning transgender individuals and gender awareness training for organisations.

Dianne Yexley, the group's founder, said: "A large number of people who are affected by gender issues can find it difficult to get the support they need, sometimes losing their friends, families, jobs and even their homes in the process.

"As a result there are a growing number of transgender residents turning to social housing. By working in partnership with Sovereign we hope to make this journey an easier one for residents, raising awareness for their needs and the prejudices they face."

Ex-council leader stands down from the cabinet

A SENIOR Basingstoke councillor has stood down from his post on the cabinet.

Cllr Andrew Finney, ward member for Oakley and North Waltham, resigned his post as cabinet member for Economic Strategy and Development, a post he held since 2012.

He was leader of the council from 2008 until last year, and felt he could no longer dedicate enough time to his post, due to his ongoing work commitments.

Cllr Finney said: "It has been a privilege to represent Basingstoke and Deane as a member of the Cabinet and the decision to step down has not been easy. The economic future of Basingstoke and Deane is of vital importance to us all and demands total commitment.

"Through my other interests I will continue to spread the word that Basingstoke and Deane is a great place to live, work and play."

Current council leader, Cllr Clive Sanders, will take up the economic portfolio responsibilities.

Cllr Sanders said: "I would like to pay a personal tribute to Andrew for all his efforts during his time as leader and as a cabinet member. It has been a privilege to work alongside him."

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MP announces increase in war memorials

CULTURE Secretary Maria Miller announced today that English Heritage intends to list up to 500 war memorials a year over the next five years.

And the Basingstoke MP is calling on the public to nominate their local memorials to be considered for listing.

Thirteen hundred examples are currently on the National Heritage List for England. However, it is believed this is less than 10 per cent of free-standing war memorials.

Mrs Miller said: "This centenary comes at a point where living memory becomes written history, so it is absolutely essential that our work to mark it speaks clearly to young people in particular.

"War Memorials are a precious part of our heritage that keeps alive the ultimate sacrifice that so many made.

"It is absolutely right that we cherish and protect them, and I welcome English Heritage's initiative in launching this project today."

"I would urge everyone to make sure their local memorial is in good condition. If it isn't, then English Heritage, the War Memorials Trust and the Heritage Lottery Fund all have grants and advice available.

"We know there is a dedicated volunteer movement which devotes itself to this topic: I am keen to work with this, and draw on their knowledge and enthusiasm."

'Big Theme' events set for Hampshire

MUSEUMS and galleries in Basingstoke and north Hampshire are part of an 'innovative' new programme of exhibitions across the county.

By James Booker
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The 'Big Theme' series will see museums stage ambitious displays that link the stories, people and historic collections of the county.

The first of these themes for next year is the First World War – marking 100 years since the start of the four-year conflict.

Hampshire, Southampton in particular, was the venue where British soldiers gathered before making the trip across the Channel as they headed for the mainland conflict.

And authorities are very keen to highlight the contributions to the county's role in the conflict.

Councillor Keith Chapman, Hampshire County Council's executive member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside, said: "This is an innovative approach which has been inspired by the close partnership working between councils and wider museums sector in recent years.

"And I am particularly pleased to see that the first 'Big Theme' will highlight the vital role that Hampshire played in the First World War."

The exhibitions will be delivered by Arts Council England.

Basingstoke will play host to two of the three WW1 exhibitions. Firstly, the Artists Rifles display, showcasing the work of the best-known painters who served in the conflict, will be in the town from July until September next year.

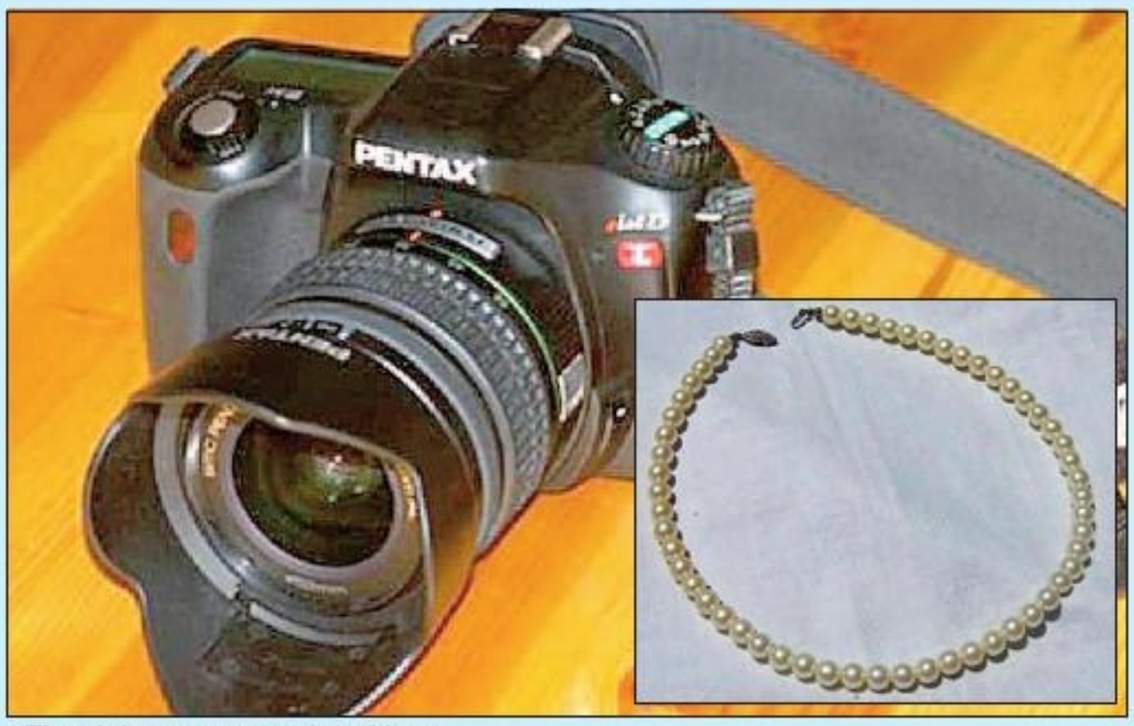
And another show, 'Trench Coat', in the town from October until December, documents how Basingstoke-based coat manufacturer Thomas Burberry made the garment of choice for many soldiers.

"We are very grateful to Arts Council England for their generous support," added councillor Rob Humby, portfolio holder for Economic Development at Winchester City Council.

"The First World War will be of immense significance next year, and this funding will allow us to deliver some really memorable exhibitions."

A third exhibition, based around the journey of serving soldiers, will feature in Alton.

Other exhibitions that will be displayed in the coming years are based around writer Jane Austen, and even the life of dinosaurs.



• The stolen camera and necklace

Have you seen these stolen items?

POLICE are appealing for information and witnesses about a burglary in Basingstoke.

Between 7.40am and 2.40pm on October 30, an offender broke into a house in Kelvin Hill, Basingstoke, by forcing the doors open with tools.

They then entered the house and stole a camera, other electrical items and various pieces of jewellery.

PC Dave Catchpole said: "Did you see anything suspicious between the relevant times? Do you know who may be responsible for this burglary?"

"I would like to remind people to ensure they store any valuable items securely in their homes and do not leave them on display."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact PC Catchpole at Basingstoke CID on 101 or Crimestoppers.

Install a water softener and banish limescale!

Hard water is something we are all used to in the South, although most of us have got used to putting up with it, many do not realise that you can do something about it. It furs up our heating systems, causing breakdowns, makes it more expensive to heat our homes and damages our appliances.

The other problem with limescale is the constant cleaning of showerheads, shower screens, stainless steel sinks, the whole house can suffer where water is concerned. Limescale aggravates skin problems such as eczema and psoriasis.

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In it to win it!

ST Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its lottery draw from November 8.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 85315 of Chineham, second prize of £100 goes to 33467 of Kempshott, 63634 of Bramley scoops third prize of £50 and 89481 – a Tadley ticket – gets fourth prize of £20. Sixteen prizes of £5 have been awarded to tickets 07103, 08186, 08331, 12550, 19663, 43644, 50029, 50791, 53291, 58067, 65789, 75112, 77946, 82841, 85734 and 87793.

Van thief charged

POLICE have charged a 19-year-old man after two van thefts in Basingstoke last week.

The man, from London, appeared in Basingstoke Magistrates' Court on Friday charged with the offences, which took place at Barrett Court last Wednesday (November 6) and London Road in Odiham on November 2.

Police have also recovered tools they believe were stolen from a van in Basingstoke on November 6, and are urging anyone who may know whose they are to get in touch.

Tadley bus trial

A COMMUNITY bus service has been given the go-ahead for a six-month trial in Tadley. The service links residents in the outskirts of the parish to the central area. The scheme will only be implemented permanently if it is popular enough with residents.

Community scheme hailed as 'inspiring'

A NEW community plan scheme in South Ham, which is designed to give residents a bigger say on tackling problems in the area, has been hailed as 'inspiring'.

By **James Booker**
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South Ham Direct works with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC) to identify what challenges residents of South Ham and the surrounding areas would like to see addressed.

South Ham is the first urban area in the Basingstoke and Deane borough to adopt such a plan.

The council is also introducing a pilot neighbourhood partnership between South Ham and Buckskin.

It is hoped this group will adopt and champion the community's voice at a local level.

The council's cabinet member for Community Services, Cllr Hayley Eachus, said: "Seeing the first urban community-led plan come to life in South Ham is very inspiring and I hope that this will encourage other communities in the borough to get involved in shaping their local area by developing their own community-led plans with support from the council.

"The Neighbourhood Partnership pilot provides an opportunity to really see how establishing a voluntary partnership involving the community and service providers can work to help to influence and improve the quality of life for the community."

Local level decision making, introduced by the Localism Act 2011, is a way for communities to have more say in the decisions that affect their area and be part of the solution.

The aim is to improve the quality of life for people living and working in Buckskin and South Ham, meaning information and resources can be better shared between partner organisations and communities so that local priorities or constraints are understood.

Specific examples in this particular case are community associations taking on youth support services from Hampshire County Council, green spaces being managed by local groups and involving communities in decisions on issues such as environmental improvement schemes and play areas.

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CarFest 2014 dates confirmed by Evans

THE dates for next year's CarFest at Laverstoke Park Farm near Basingstoke have been confirmed.

Broadcaster and festival founder Chris Evans said the CarFest South would take place over the 2014 August bank holiday (22-24).

CarFest North will be staged at Oulton Park in Cheshire earlier that month.

"It's onwards and upwards for CarFest," said Evans. "To date we've had some absolutely brilliant fun and raised more than two million pounds for BBC Children in Need. How could we not do it all over again in 2014?

"I promise you that CarFest will be even bigger and even more fun than ever before. Don't ask me how we're going to top what we've already achieved but, believe me, we will.

"There'll be more great bands, more fantastic cars, more fabulous food, more unbelievable air displays, more terrific sideshows... more of everything, in fact. It gets me all excited just talking about it."

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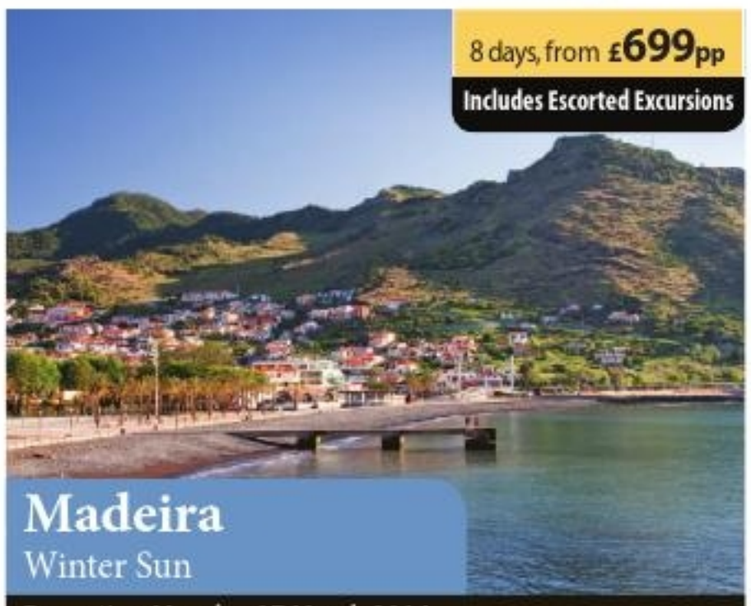

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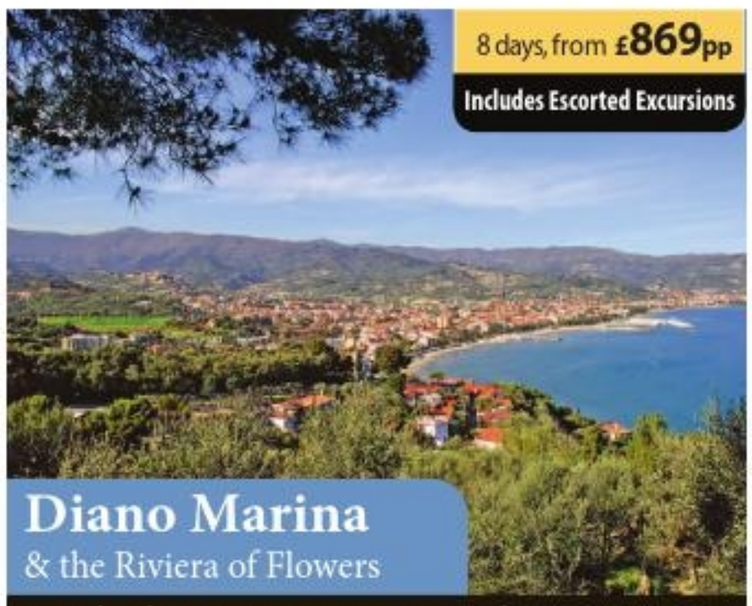

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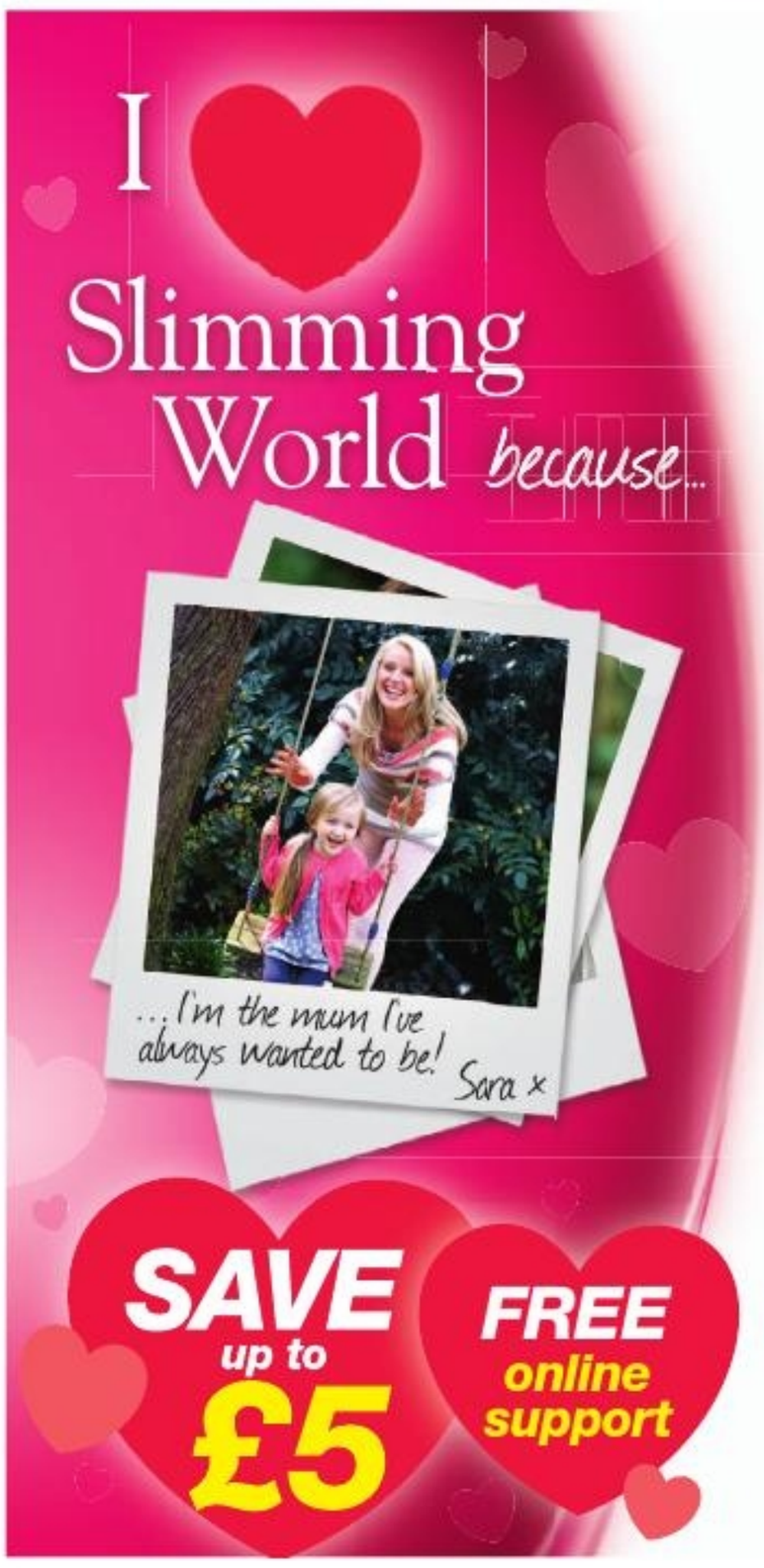

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VAMM's string-a-long

TALENTED strings trio VAMM, made up of experienced musicians Patsy Reid, Catriona Macdonald and Marit Fält, bring their new show to The Forge on Sunday evening.

By **Adam Flinn**
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The group has Celtic and Scandinavian connections, which is reflected in their music, but focus on melody and harmony rather than just their cultural backgrounds.

They are known for their combination of lyrical arrangements and bass-thumping rhythm, and their use of two fiddles and a Låtmandola, a Nordic mandola developed in the early 1990s.

Scottish fiddle player Patsy is the youngest ever winner of the prestigious Glenfiddich Fiddle Championship, and has performed alongside renowned musicians including Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman.

She was also a founding member of Scottish folk band Breabach, who with Patsy have previously been nominated for Best Folk Band at the Scots Trad Music Awards, and Best Band in the Radio Two Folk Awards 2011.

Patsy said: "We are still enjoying playing the material from our debut album, which was released in April.

"The repertoire encompasses a wide range of styles, from Scottish reels to Scandinavian Polskas as well as compositions from band members.

"Our music is all instrumental but has plenty of variety through use of texture, groove and harmony.

"We only play great melodies and a great melody has so much potential for exploration.

"Some of our music is delicate and intricate but we also love to go for it and play foot-stomping reels!"

They released their eponymous album earlier this year to critical acclaim, and will be performing a number of songs from their latest release in Sunday's show.

Tickets for the show cost £14, and the show begins at 8.15pm. For more information and booking details, go to www.anvilarts.org.uk or phone 01256 844244.

· Patsy, Catriona and Marit make up VAMM, coming to The Forge on Sunday

Spaghetti Swing

ITALIAN music trio Spaghetti Swing perform their new show Music, Ammore and Maccaroni, as part of a short UK tour coming to the Bordon Phoenix on Sunday.

This is the first time the group have ever visited Hampshire, and perform a mix of Italian swing music while cooking pasta live on stage.

The show starts at 6pm, and tickets cost £10. For booking information, call 01420 472664 or go online to www.phoenix-arts.co.uk.

Get in touch with your crafty side!

AN ADULT workshop to make a range of willow Christmas decorations gets underway at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre on Saturday.

It is run by basket maker Judith Needham, teaching participants how to craft trees, stars, simple wreaths and reindeer.

Go to www.hants.gov.uk/bsdc for more details.

Roaring forties!

POPULAR Irish comedian Ed Byrne is ready to embrace middle age with open arms in his show 'Roaring Forties', which comes to The Anvil on Sunday.

Ed is known for his numerous television appearances on shows including Mock the Week, and his new stand-up tour comes after turning 40 last year.

Tickets cost £23.50 for a prompt 8pm start. For more details, go to www.anvilarts.org.uk or call 01256 844244.

College drama

DRAMA students from Queen Mary's College stage two different shows on Wednesday and Thursday next week, with Outrage and Godspell coming to the Central Studio stage.

Outrage sees a different 30-minute piece performed each evening, while Godspell is a rock opera based on the Gospel according to St Matthew.

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Entertainment

Welcome to our Entertainments page where we are showcasing all that is good in local entertainment ranging from professional to amateur acts.

If you would like your event considered for publication please contact reporter Adam Flinn at adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk or telephone 01235 516933

Irish eyes are laughing

POPULAR Irish comedian Jimmy Cricket makes his long-awaited return to North Hampshire, with his 'Value for a Tenner' show coming to Basingstoke's Central Studio tomorrow night.

By **Adam Flinn**
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Jimmy has become well known across the UK in the past three decades, with countless television and radio appearances over the years.

Rising to fame after winning London Weekend Television's talent contest 'Search for a Star', Jimmy was soon starring in his own series called 'And There's More'.

In recent years, he has released his first DVD: 'Jimmy Cricket pulls your seats forwards', and his debut musical 'Let's hear it for the Wee Man' premiered in Blackburn in March 2011.

He is famous for his good, clean humour, with themes including Irish logic and the letters from his 'Mammy', as well as wearing his trademark cut-off evening trousers, dinner jacket, hat, and wellies worn on the wrong feet.

As the name of the show suggests, all tickets for tomorrow's performance cost £10, and is raising money for Help for Heroes.

"It is great to be visiting Basingstoke," said Jimmy.

"I have appeared in other neighbouring towns over the last few years, but the last time I visited Basingstoke was quite a while ago, and I am so happy to be returning for such a worthwhile cause.

"For this visit I have kept the price of a ticket especially to a really affordable level. This is because I know how expensive it is to take a family out anywhere these days.

"But I hope the price and the show will attract the different age groups, from granny to grandchild alike.

"I can certainly guarantee there will be chuckles galore, or your money back!"

The show begins at 7.30pm. Phone 01256 418318 or go to www.centralstudio.co.uk.

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• Jimmy Cricket comes to Basingstoke tomorrow night

Have your cake!

VISITORS to the Basingstoke Discovery Centre can learn how to pipe a cupcake perfectly, as well as making four individual Christmas sugarcraft designs on Sunday.

Anyone who has ever wanted to try and piping and sugarcraft is encouraged to go along, and learn a new skill in time for the festive season.

It costs £5 to take part. For more information, phone 01256 478670 or go to www.hants.gov.uk/bsdc.

The Coal Porters

THE Coal Porters, who claim to be the world's first 'alt-bluegrass' act, perform their new show at The Railway, Winchester, tomorrow evening.

They currently have five albums available, and will be demonstrating their skills with the fiddle, mandolin, banjo, acoustic guitar and doghouse bass.

Tickets cost £10 in advance, and doors open at 7.30pm. Go to www.railwaylive.co.uk or phone 01962 867795 for more information.

Symphony comes to the Anvil

THE Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra come to The Anvil on Saturday, performing pieces by Grieg, Vaughan Williams, Smetana and Beethoven.

Formed in 1930, the orchestra has given local musicians the chance to rehearse and perform regularly in Basingstoke. Saturday's show starts at 7.45pm, with tickets starting from £10. For further details, go to www.anvilarts.org.uk or call 01256 844244.

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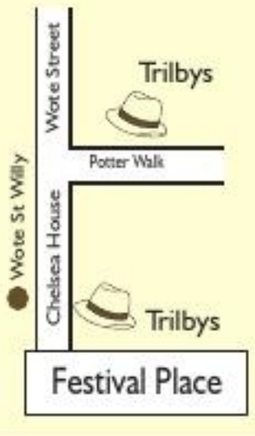

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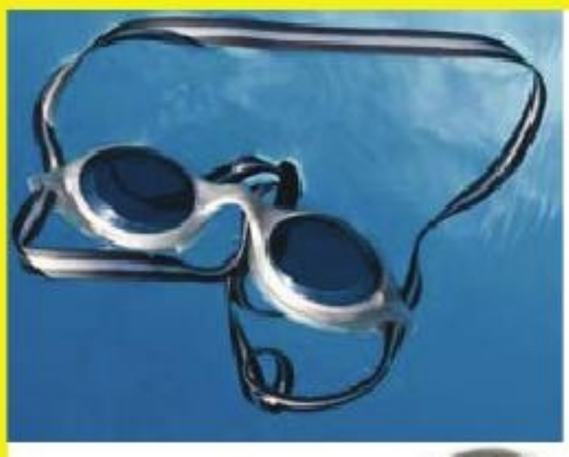

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Helen 07796 083042 (between 5 - 8pm)

TO - 3 December, 7pm - 9pm
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15 November, 7:30pm - 9:30pm
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The Night Before ChristmasThurs-day 28 November to Sunday 8 December 2013 The Haymarket

16 November, 11am
Central Studio Queen Mary's College
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16 November, 1pm - 3:30pm
Basingstoke Discovery Centre
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16 November, 10am - 12:30pm
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17 November, 8:15pm
The Forge
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17 November, 8pm
The Anvil
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19 November, 7:30pm
The Anvil
STEVE HARLEY AND COCKNEY REBEL
In the set, Steve will include most of the hits, such as Sebastian, Judy Teen, Mr Soft, Love's A Prima Donna, as well as the perennial favourite, Make Me Smile (Come Up And See Me).
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22 November, 7:30pm
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I'M AN ARISTOCRAT, GET ME OUT OF HERE
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23 November, 7:45pm
The Anvil
MAHLER CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
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Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once. **EASY/MEDIUM/HARD**

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Orator (7)
5 Anything giving great pleasure (5)
8 Drop (4)
9 Contrary (8)
10 Reluctance (13)
13 Man-eating giant (4)
14 Immense (4)
17 Inquiring into (13)
19 Most spacious (8)
20 Cut off (4)
21 Gloomy (5)
22 Entreaties (7)

Quick Clues Down

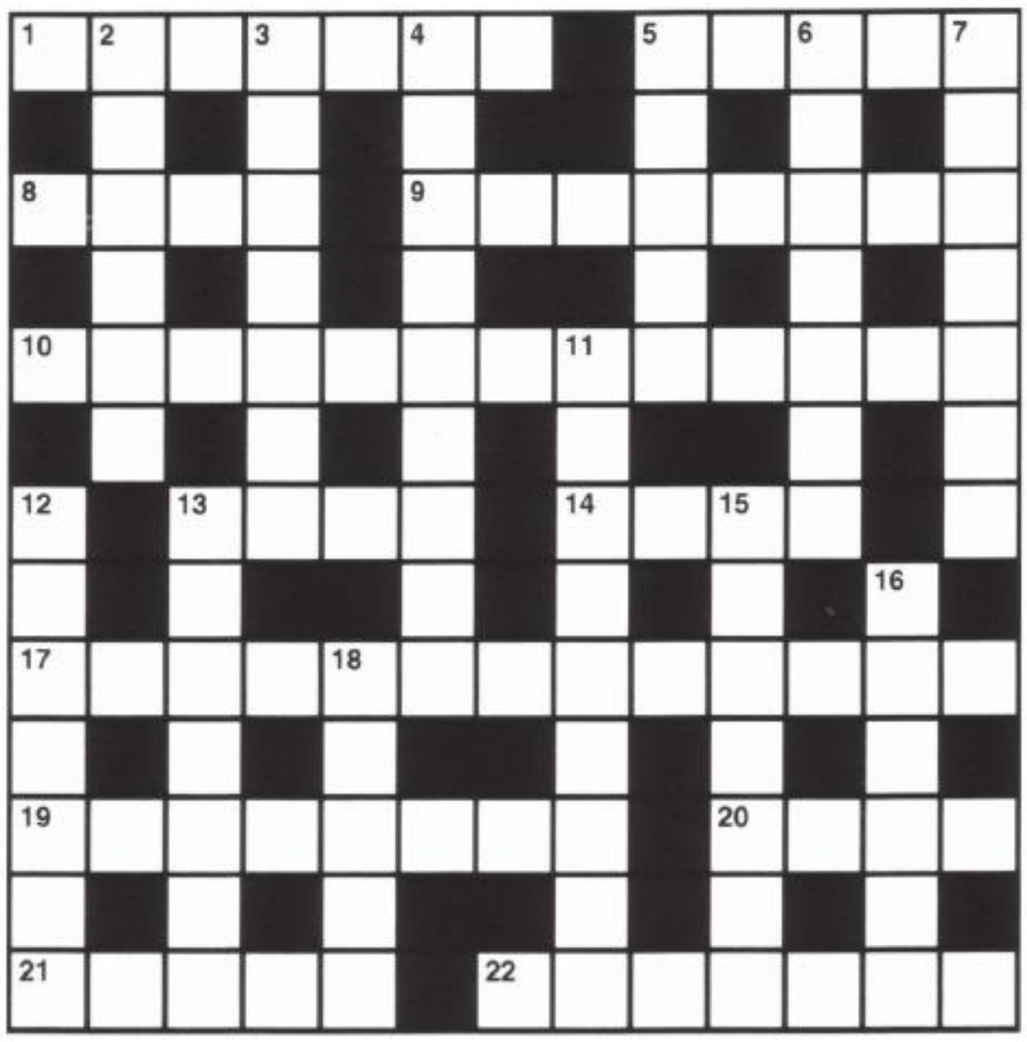
2 Tracts of level country (6)
3 Uniting (7)
4 Softening (9)
5 Strip of leather (5)
6 Clear (7)
7 Locks of hair (7)
11 Steersman (9)
12 Mixed (7)
13 Easily understood (7)
15 Convince (7)
16 Reply (6)
18 Slippery (5

Cryptic Clues Across

1 I try aid for the drought condition (7)
5 Established as in a plot (5)
8 Cream of sounds? (4)
9 I have water and rum in the goldfish bowl (8)
10 Then drums sort out the atmosphere disturbances (13)
13 Appear from these embarrassing moments (4)
14 Shoot back with one on the peak (4)
17 One who believes in always giving thanks before meals? (7,6)
19 Less usual to find a foreigner (8)
20 Carry the animal (4)
21 But not necessarily a tree that was planted earlier (5)
22 Renew the French sheen (7)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Outlines the plans for part of the golf course (6)
3 Disturb the grandee (7)
4 Take back the skill of the French man as a shopkeeper (9)
5 Will the second-rate survive the explosion? (5)
6 Sound pleased it's mounting the footrest (7)
7 Mad to go back, and inquires for the linens (7)
11 One who always hesitates to speak. (9)
12 I'm too old-fashioned for this deadlock (7)
13 Looked about right, so took the leading role (7)
15 Serving several purposes in public transport (7)
16 I chatter about the robber (6)
18 The man who is satisfied at five hundred going to the front? (5)



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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Substantial 9 Pan 10 Professed 11 Repel 13 Natural 14 Trance 16 Sedate 18 Operate 19 Vista 20 Axiomatic 21 Owe 22 Reprocessed

Down: 2 Urn 3 Sepal 4 Amount 5 Trestle 6 Austrians 7 Operational 8 Adulterated 12 Peacetime 15 Charmer 17 Hectic 19 Vices 21 Ode

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Concessions 9 Sit 10 Protector 11 Ovoid 13 Rations 14 Litter 16 Salaam 18 Knitted 19 Reset 20 Intending 21 Ego 22 Adventurers

Down: 2 Oat 3 Coped 4 Scours 5 Inertia 6 Nationals 7 As you like it 8 Presumption 12 Outwitted 15 Entente 17 Adrift 19 Roger 21 Err

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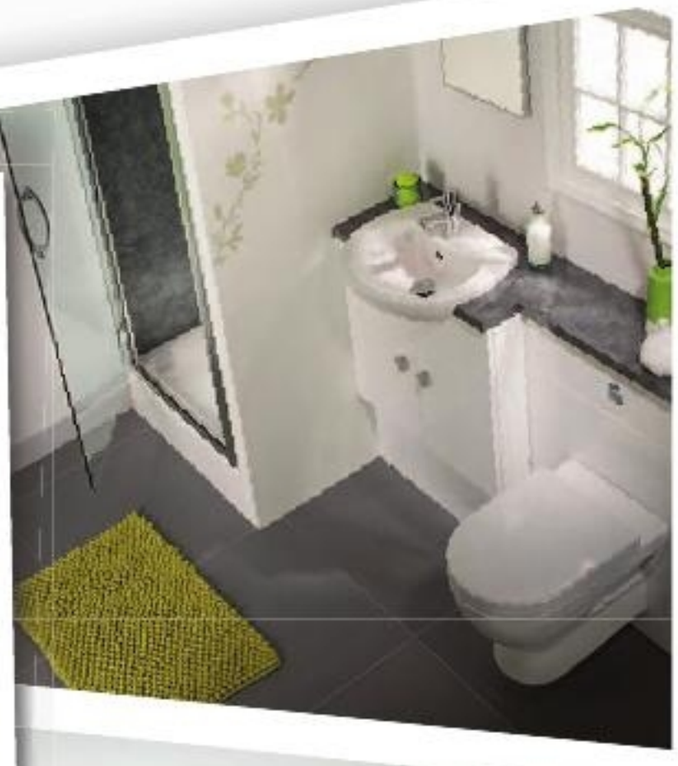

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Double disappointment for Sheppard and his Bison

Basingstoke get back to winning ways

BASINGSTOKE RFC got back to winning ways in the National League 3 London and South East on Saturday, with a 21-13 home win against Hertford.

Andy Barnes' fourth minute penalty got the hosts off to a good start, which was quickly followed by a David Byett try to extend 'Stoke's lead to 8-0 in the opening 10 minutes.

Hertford's Dan Belton touched down for the visitors, but Barnes stepped up for another penalty to get the score to 11-5.

However, a late tackle on Barnes led to the fly-half suffering from suspected broken ribs, shortly before the sides went in for the break.

The visitors' took advantage with the first score of the second half, as Jack Mann kicked a penalty.

But 'Stoke were quickly back in control, as first Freddie Gleadowe and then Gavin Dampies scored tries, giving the home team a 13-point lead.

Hertford were able to reduce the deficit as Craig South pulled a try back late in the game, but 'Stoke were able to hold on for a comfortable 21-8 victory.

The result elevates Basingstoke up to ninth in the league, and are back in action on November 23 with an away match against Barking.

BASINGSTOKE Bison's recent winning run was brought to a halt over the weekend, losing first to Bracknell Bees and then to Milton Keynes Lightning on Saturday and Sunday.

By **Adam Flinn**
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Saturday's home match against Bracknell had ended in a 3-3 tie, but Bison fell short in the subsequent penalty shoot-out to drop points for the first time in four games.

Joe Rand had got Bison off to a strong start as he picked up a loose puck to score at 12:47, in what was a dominant first period for the hosts.

Olly Bronniman levelled the game for the Bees just 49 seconds into the second period, before Doug Sheppard restored Bison's lead at 25:30.

Former Bison man Tony Redmond scored for the visitors less than a minute later, but the home team were once again able to take the lead, courtesy of a Joe Miller goal after a goalmouth scramble.

But Bees once again levelled the scores, as Bronniman scored his second of the game with a powerplay goal at 39:40.

Neither team were able to add to the 3-3 scoreline in the final period, and after a fruitless five-minutes of extra time, it was left to a penalty shoot-out to determine who got the extra point.

Rand and Miller scored Bison's first efforts to leave Tomas Karpov with a chance to win the match, but he was stopped by Bees netminder Tom Annetts.

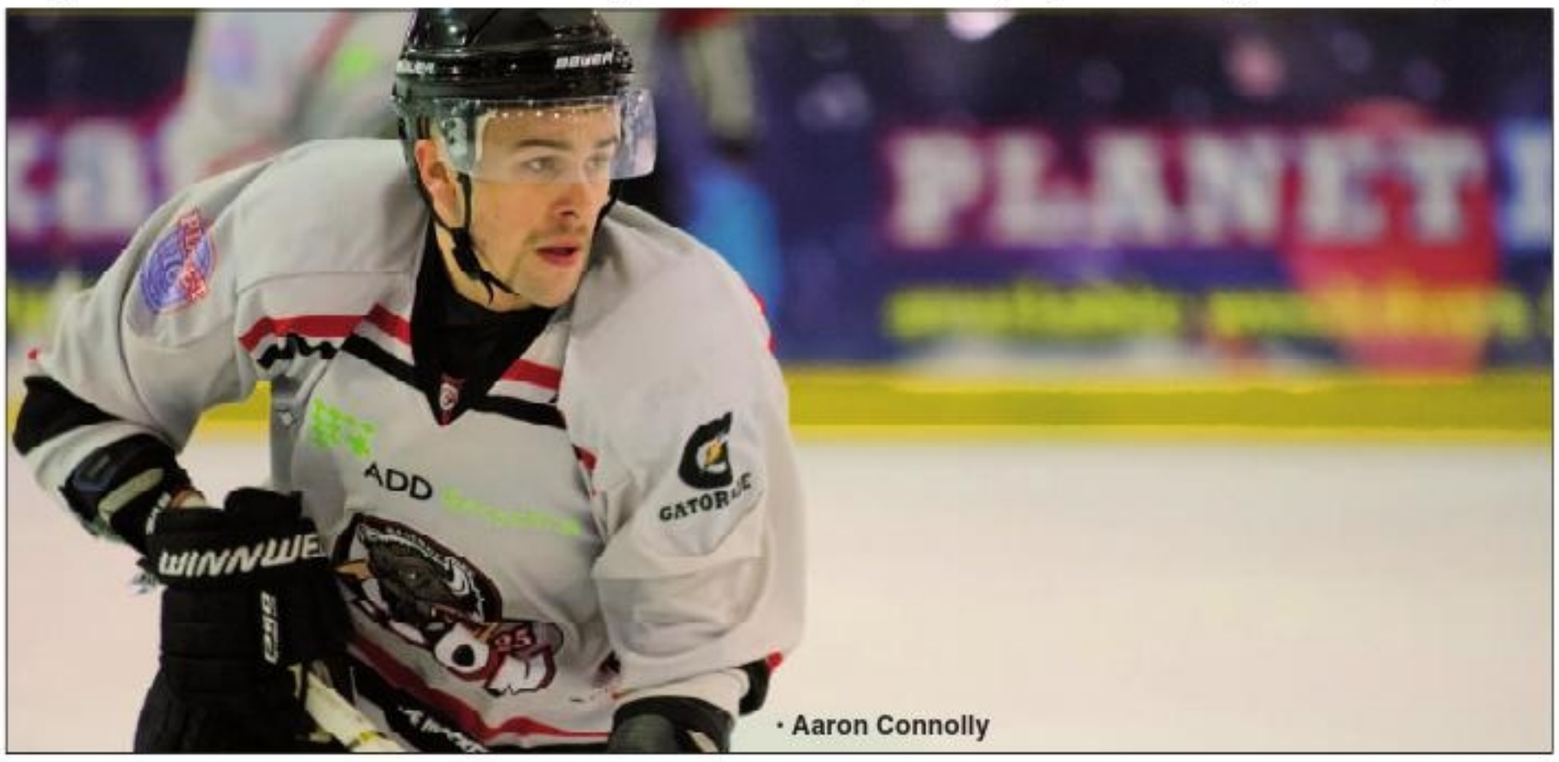
After seven missed attempts from both sides, Grant Rounding was finally able to score to take the extra point for the Bees.

On Sunday, a third period collapse cost Bison dear, surrendering a 3-1 lead going into the final period to lose 4-3 to Milton Keynes Lightning.

Miller, Joe Baird and Rand scored in the opening two periods, with the only reply coming from Adam Carr at 10:42 in what had been a convincing Bison display.

But Tom Carlon's powerplay goal at 52:31 started Lightning's comeback, before goals from Michael Farn and Janne Jokila were able to snatch the victory away from Bison.

They will be hoping for a better performance for Saturday's trip to face the Peterborough Phantoms, before hosting the Slough Jets on Sunday.



· Aaron Connolly

Row beaten by leaders South Park

HARTLEY Wintney slumped to their third successive defeat on Tuesday night, as they went down 3-1 at home to table-topping South Park.

The result leaves Ben Dillon's side in 14th place in the Combined Counties Premier, but they still have matches in hand.

The Row's match on Saturday at Ash United fell foul of the weather.

They will hope to get back to winning ways no Saturday, when they take on Erith Town in the second round of the FA Vase.

Whitchurch United and Tadley Calleva's matches all fell victim to the elements.

Jim Macey's Jam Boys are unbeaten in nine games in all competitions, and currently sit 10th in the Wessex Premier.

They take on Hungerford Town in the Basingstoke Senior Cup at the weekend.

Danny Dolan's Tadley Calleva will be hoping to get their season back on track against Hythe and Dibden in Wessex Division One.

Tadley are currently 12th in the league with 11 points from 12 games, and have lost the last four in all competitions after a promising start.

Sport Bites

Rose in contention

A THIRD-PLACE finish for Justin Rose kept his Race to Dubai title hopes alive, following his score of 20 under par at the Turkish Airlines Open.

It means Rose is now second in the standings, and could lift the famous Harry Vardon trophy for a second time with a win at the season finale DP World Tour Championship this weekend.

Sweden's Henrik Stenson is currently in first place, and remains the favourite after finishing tied for seventh in Turkey.

Club are bowled over with award

MEMBERS of Oakley Bowling Club are celebrating, after they were voted as the 2013 Bowls England Drakes Pride Club of the Year.

Judges praised the club's successful recruitment and fundraising campaigns, which has seen 50 new members and improvements made to their facilities in the past two seasons.

The club received the Tony Allcock Trophy, £250, a Club of the Year flag, and badges for each member. They will also face the Bowls England President's team next year.

Karate kids turn out for England

BASINGSTOKE'S Edward van Meerkerk and Jess Muller enjoyed a successful debut for England, as they competed in the Cadet and Junior World Karate Championships in Italy.

Edward was able to win a bronze medal in the individual fighting, backed up with an eighth in the kata and two team gold medals.

Meanwhile, Jess claimed silver in her individual fighting competition, came fifth in the kata and contributed towards a team bronze medal.

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DELIGHTED WITH PROGRESS - BOSS

Bristow hails team character as his Dragons move up to fourth

JASON Bristow is delighted with how his side have rallied and turned their season around in recent weeks.

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Basingstoke have won their last four league games without conceding a goal – the latest a 1-0 triumph at Maidenhead on Saturday.

The run has seen them rise to fourth in the Skrill South, after a previous sequence of one point from 15 threatened to derail their impressive start.

"We had a major blip earlier on in the season, which was not good enough by our standards," said Bristow.

After the 4-1 loss at Havant, the season could have gone either way. The players could have accepted defeat and slid down the table.

"But they haven't – they've really rallied, worked hard, haven't conceded a goal since and got 12 points on the board. It's really pleasing.

"We'll take any game at the moment. When you're winning games, you just want to play – it doesn't matter who you play."

Maidenhead deserve credit for working tirelessly to stage Saturday's game in the first place, with a number of other league fixtures succumbing to the elements.

However, the Dragons and their passing game were seemingly undeterred, and substitute Neil Barrett poached the only goal of the game just before half-time.

Barrett fired in from 10 yards after a mix-up in the home defence.

"Credit to our players for approaching the game in right manner, dealing with the conditions and still playing some really attractive football, and getting a well-deserved win," said Bristow.

"It didn't seem to hamper us at all – we played ourselves out from the back, kept control of the game and dominated for large parts.

"The goal was a bit fortunate in way it came about, but we deserved it and it was a well-earned three points."

Saturday sees the Dragons take a break from league duty, as they entertain Hampton and Richmond Borough in the third qualifying round of the FA Trophy.

Hampton and Richmond play in the Isthmian Premier – the level below Bristow's men.

"I think it's another good opportunity for us to go out in front of our fans and hopefully get a positive result and carry the run on," said Bristow.

"The really pleasing thing is that we've got nearly everyone available in the squad now and it's a really strong squad to pick from."

Maidenhead United 0
Basingstoke Town 1

• Shaun McAuley holds off two Maidenhead defenders (Picture by Les Chase)

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